

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on February 19, 2008 at 6:57 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Thompson, Spokely, Worthington, Chrm. Smith

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Merz

**STAFF PRESENT:** Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director; Matt Fremont, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

**ITEM III: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. Use Permit - 271 Auburn Ravine Road (Sierra Foothill Cremation) - File UP 07-6.** The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit to allow funeral preparation and services at 271 Auburn Ravine Road. The request is to utilize the existing building as an office, an arrangement room for the sale of caskets and urns, a chapel and reception area with seating for approximately fifty persons, and to maintain cooler storage on site.

Planner Fremont gave the staff report. The applicant is currently permitted to use this building as an office and a display area. The applicant has applied for a use permit to establish the additional use as a mortuary which will occasionally hold funeral services. The applicant also proposes to maintain bodies in a cooler facility in the garage adjacent to the main structure. Planner Fremont provided further details of the proposal. Staff supports the applicant's request for approval of the Use Permit.

Comm. Worthington asked for clarification about what the actual new use of the facility will be.

Planner Fremont replied that the new use will allow funeral services to be held in the building, as well as temporary storage of bodies prior to funeral services.

Comm. Worthington asked what the total number of required parking spaces in the overflow area is.

Planner Fremont replied that with the maximum occupancy of 50 persons, eight or nine spaces are required. The overflow area more than accommodates that number of spaces.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Ken Baker of 271 Auburn Ravine Rd. in Auburn reviewed the purpose of the new use permit. Their main office is located in Nevada City, and they want to expand the business at their Auburn location.

Comm. Worthington asked how much business they expect outside of the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours.

Mr. Baker explained the process, and stated that the nature of the business requires that they are available 24 hours a day.

Mr. Bob Snyder of 100 Marina Avenue in Auburn stated that he is in favor of this project.

There were no other comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Worthington asked if there are any immediate residences that could be disturbed by this business.

Chrm. Smith replied that there are no immediate residences.

Comm. Thompson **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 08-1 to approve the Use Permit (File UP 7-6) for Sierra Foothill Cremation & Funeral Services as presented.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Spokely, Thompson, Worthington, Chrm. Smith  
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Merz

The motion was approved.

**ITEM V: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

- A. City Council Meetings  
The Floradale Lane Variance has been appealed and is scheduled for the City Council meeting on March 10, 2008.
- B. Future Planning Commission Meetings  
There will be a meeting on March 4, 2008.
- C. Reports  
None.

**ITEM VI: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VII: FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant